

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, IS, JO  
SUBJECT: AL QUDS WELCOMES ELECTION OF NAVON AS PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL

1. EAST JERUSALEM'S LEADING ARABIC DAILY "AL QUDS" APRIL 20  
WARMLY WELCOMES ELECTION OF YITZHAK NAVON AS  
ISRAEL'S FIFTH PRESIDENT.

2. "AL QUDS" CITED NAVON'S SEPHARDIC BACKGROUND, FLUENCY IN  
ARABIC AND MODERATE VIEWS INCLUDING, ACCORDING TO "AL QUDS,"  
HIS CALL FOR "NEGOTIATIONS WITH ANY PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION  
WHICH ANNOUNCES ITS READINESS TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL."

3. "AL QUDS" CONCLUDES: "WE HOPE NAVON WILL INSTILL HIS  
PERSONAL TOUCH IN ISRAEL'S PUBLIC LIFE SO AS TO REDUCE  
THAT ERRONEOUS AND ARROGANT BELIEF THAT ISRAEL IS AN EXTENSION  
OF THE WEST IN THE HEART OF THE EAST AND AN EXTENSION OF  
CIVILIZATION IN A DESERT OF BACKWARDNESS. LIKEWISE, WE HOPE  
THAT HIS TERM WILL BE A PERIOD FOR SOWING SEEDS OF  
MODERATION AND CO-EXISTENCE BASED ON JUSTICE BETWEEN  
JEW AND PALESTINIAN AT A TIME WHEN ONLY THISTLES AND HATRED  
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ARE BEING SOWN."

4. COMMENT: "AL QUDS" PRAISE IS UNPRECEDENTED. NOT EVEN  
SHELLI DOVES HAVE RECEIVED SUCH A VOTE OF CINFIDENCE FROM THE  
ADMITTEDLY MODERATE ARABIC PAPER. (NEITHER "AL FAJR" NOR  
"ASH'AB" COMMENTED ON THE ELECTION." "AL QUDS"  
RAISING OF THE QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN AND ARAB PRIDE RECALLS

TO US FORMER CONGEN DAY'S REMARKS IN THE NEW YORK TIMES  
IN MARCH ON THE NEED FOR AN ISRAELI APPEAL TO THE  
HEARTS OF PALESTINIANS AND ARABS.  
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